

HUNTINGTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
March 16, 2016

Huntington City Council met in its regular scheduled council meeting March 16, 2016 at the city office building located at 20 South Main Street. Meeting started at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Hilary Gordon presiding.

Call to Order

Mayor Gordon asked that there be order kept and everyone that spoke to use the microphone and established the following were in attendance:

Mayor:	Hilary Gordon
Council:	Mark Justice (excused), Lamar Guymon, Joe Ward, Laneea Cowley, Leonard Norton
Recorder:	Jenene Hansen, Treasurer: Ronni Torre, Gary Arrington – PZ Administrator

Also in attendance: Bruce Twitchell, Warren Oviatt, Norm Dingman, Lorraine Dingman, Jim Gordon, Jerry Livingston, Mike Gordon, Robin Gordon, Sarah Gordon

Leonard Norton extended a word to open the meeting and Joe Ward led those present in the Pledge of allegiance.

Agenda Item – 1- Approval of February 17, 2016 City Council minutes

Motion. Laneea Cowley moved to approve the February 17, 2016 minutes; motion seconded by Leonard Norton and carried.

Agenda Item – 2 – Business License

Approval of Country Time Ag & Rental, located at 170 West 400 North, owned by Bill Bayles.

MOTION. Laneea Cowley moved to approve the business license; motion seconded by Leonard Norton and carried.

Agenda Item – 3 – LED lighting on decorative street lights

Ronnie reported that to replace the city owned decorative street lights to LED will cost about \$9000.00 and we will get a rebate of \$4,885.75. This has to be completed by June 8th, it is already budgeted but we need approval. The lights are guaranteed for 5 years and they should last seven to ten years.

MOTION. Laneea Cowley moved to approve the LED street lights; motion seconded by Joe Ward and carried.

Agenda Item – 4 - Dump and safety/Leonard Norton

Leonard Norton recommended hiring a part time employee to maintain the dump site during the summer and fall months.

MOTION. Leonard Norton moved to approve hiring an employee for the dump site; motion seconded by Laneea Cowley and carried.

Leonard Norton suggested that we have a safety department. We need training on how to run the equipment, we also need signage and other supplies.

MOTION. Lamar moved to assign Leonard Norton as the public safety position; motion seconded by Joe Ward and carried.

Agenda Item – 5 – Discussion of City assuming responsibilities of EMS

Mayor Gordon explained that at COG meeting commissioner Migliori said they have three options of what to do with the EMS services and they are not sure what they are going to do. The problem is with the Obama Care and the EMT's that are on call. This is just being brought up as something to think about and must be done by July 1, 2016.

Jim Gordon explained that because of the Affordable Health Care Act it states that once a paid volunteer or employee of any kind reaches a certain amount of payment or hours that they are compensated for in a month they become what is known as a full time equivalent, therefore they are to be offered health insurance. If the county were to provide insurance for 60-70 EMT's the county would not be able to afford that. We have looked at options of not paying the EMT's when they are on call and some of them have been ok but there are those that won't do it. This all has to do with taxes and reporting. If we are found out of compliance with the amount of employees that we have we could be fined up to \$25,000.00 per month starting July 1, 2016. Our County came up with these three options **#1 making the EMT's employees of the Cities and the County would still maintain the ambulance.** Under the affordable care act, an employer with less than 50 employees are exempt from that rule. The City would be responsible to issue the pay checks for on call EMT's and bill the County for the cost plus administrative costs. The County would maintain the license with the state, the ambulances and all of the equipment and maintenance. **#2 There has been discussion of forming a special service district and putting the EMTs under this.** **#3 Another possibility is the city assuming the entire ambulance service for their geographical area.** Huntington City would carry its own license and be responsible for carrying insurance, billing, collections and the revenue that comes with it. The concern is if the Cities would be taking over too big of a chunk. **Lamar Guymon** commented that this is a big apple to take on.

Agenda Item – 6 – Using the utility fund to purchase property from SITLA

Decision has been made to use the money in the utility fund to purchase the property from the School Trust. Our water reservoir and underground water things are on this property.

MOTION. Joe Ward moved to use the utility fund to purchase the property; motion seconded by Lamar Guymon. **ROLL CALL: LAMAR GUYMON – AYE, JOE WARD – AYE, LANEAA COWLEY – AYE, LEONARD NORTON – AYE.**

Agenda Item – 7 – Public Comments

Jim Gordon asked what happens to the old street lights. **Robert Baker** reported that the Dodge pick-up truck does have the death wobble and he had to drive at 35 mph coming back from Price. **Norm Dingman** commented on the crossing guard discussion.

Agenda Item – 8 – Mayor's Report

Mayor Gordon reported that there is a meeting next Wednesday with UDOT about the concerns of the speed limit on main street. Robert Dowell from UDOT mentioned signs that we could place on the North and South end of Main street. I committed to him that Huntington City would partner with UDOT on the cost. We have had discussions of ways to improve the crossing guard safety.

Agenda Item – 9 – Council's Departmental Reports

Lamar Guymon reported that the pad will not be replaced on the Splash pad, we will paint it and make other upgrades. I want to till and plant by the soccer field. **Joe Ward** reported that he would like to purchase a two-ton truck with a hoist on the side a snow plow and a dump bed. This would be used at the cemetery and on the roads in the winter. He would like to pour a sidewalk by the restrooms at the Miners Memorial Park. We need to have a plan to get Glenda Hansen's property cleaned up. The water problems on 3rd North and 3rd West are

improving. **Laneea Cowley** reported that she has worked with the guys to move the flower pots. The Easter egg hunt is Saturday the 19th. **Leonard Norton** reported that he will have LAPC next week and we will have CERT on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda Item – 10 – Zoning Administrator Report

Gary reported about why we have unenforced ordinances. Almost all ordinances are the opinion of five people of prior City Council, his suggestion is that when Planning and Zoning Commission finishes this review of the General Plan which will then go to you to adopt. If you adopt it, then you know what the general plan is and ordinances should be put in or taken out in accordance with the General Plan. The council has to decide what kind of city you want to have. Gary reported the different ways to approach cleaning up property.

Agenda Item – 11 – City Claims and Review of Financials Agenda Item – 15 – City Claims and Review of Financials

MOTION. Laneea Cowley moved to pay the bills; motion seconded by Joe Ward and carried.

UPON PROPER MOTION AND FULL APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:50 P.M.

Jenene Hansen
Huntington City Recorder